



# QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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## CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY REPORT – MARCH 2012

1. Once again a relatively normal month from a correspondence perspective with a slight increase in the volume of e-mails sent to/sent from QDCC since the February Meeting
2. The only postal correspondence received this month was in relation to planning matters pertaining to QDCC objections to
  - McDonalds application to extend height of existing pole sign
  - Change of use of land at QHS

I submitted these in Keith's absence. The responses to date are dealt with in the Planning Report

3. Facebook continues to be the major communication tool for QDCC  
We currently boast 726 friends, a further increase of almost 30 since the last meeting.

Items posted regularly include monthly QDCC meeting agenda, minutes, sub-committee meetings, public and statutory meetings, other relevant documents including bus and train timetable updates, severe weather updates, items of local interest including any current information from CEC, ANP and other associated bodies.

Once again there have been a few interesting strings this month, relating to (in no particular order) parking across various locations, FRC in general, dog fouling, roadworks, proposed names for the FRC itself and, of course the bus service – continuing debate on both proposed changes to the First Service 43 and likely fares increases.

We continue to field many queries from local residents through this medium (far more than by e-mail)

Many local groups continue to post updates and advertise events on our Wall.

Many thanks once more to Martin, Grant, Diane and Laura for continuing to administer the pages on behalf of QDCC.

Thanks also to Martin for the site update

Once again I would encourage anyone who has internet access to sign up to the QDCC page if they have not already done so.

4. Notification has been received of a proposal to reschedule the Community Council elections through until October 2013. We have been informed that the election cycle must be extended to comply with the CC scheme which states that CC Elections shall be held on a 3 year cycle outwith Local Government election year.

This has sparked some interesting responses from other CC's, and so QDCC need to formulate a position on this as well, in order that I can feedback to Eileen Hewitt.

5. On 22nd March I attended Anne Frank exhibition at Queensferry High School, which looks back at the persecution and execution of Jewish people during the Holocaust. Our congratulations to all the pupil presenters on delivering a very professional tour of the poster presentations
6. Along with Martin Gallagher I have had some dialogue with Fiona Christie regarding the re-build and upgrade to the QDCC website. Fiona has commenced work and a further update will be provided next month
7. I have received an update from Iwan Thomas on progress of the VAT Run. When a further financial breakdown is forthcoming I will provide a further update, and at the same time inform Evans of Leeds on the outcome of their donation. Iwan has extended an invitation to members of QDCC to visit the site for a guided tour and an opportunity to view progress to date.
8. I continue to distribute information to office-bearers, members and/or portfolio conveners as appropriate. Should any members have any questions or require any other information, please do not hesitate to contact me.
9. I continue to update the members list regarding roles, responsibilities, portfolios and sub-committee memberships and thank those who responded to my recent e-mail.  
Meanwhile, the e-mail circulation list by which this report is delivered should be taken as the most current version.
10. Should any member have questions on the content of this report or any other aspect regarding the role of the Correspondence Secretary, please contact me directly in advance of the meeting and I will be more than happy to respond. I am also open to suggestions as to the format of this report and the type of information members would like to see contained within it.

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26<sup>th</sup> March 2012